

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, October 24, 1929.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, Reed, and Steck, 5; absent, none.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Councilman Mueller moved the adoption of same as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Steck and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, Reed, and Steck, 5; nays, none.

A communication from Walling, Bradfield & Brush, relative to a renewal of their application for a permit to erect a drive-in gasoline filling station at Eleventh and Lavaca Streets, was read and the matter was taken under advisement.

A communication from the Park Board, requesting that the cost of construction of curbs and gutters around central parking strips in all streets and boulevards be not chargeable to the Park Bond Fund, was read and ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following:

"Austin, Texas, October 19, 1929.

To the Honorable Mayor, P. W. McFadden,
Councilmen Victor H. Pannell, Leo C. Mueller,
Dave C. Reed, and E. L. Steck:

We, the Board of Equalization for the year 1929, beg leave to report as follows:

The Board convened August 12, 1929, and adjourned, after serving sixty days, on October 19, 1929.

We examined all the records as to assessed valuations, approved all changes made by the City Assessor & Collector when there was no protest filed with the Board, and looked into and adjusted all complaints presented to us. As far as we could determine, we treated both the property owner and the City fairly in all our decisions.

There were presented to the Board about 1,050 items asking for changes in valuations. These included property both in the old city limits and that which was added when the city limits were extended. A large number of the protests made to the Board were on land values that were adjusted readily when it was explained that all land values are based on the unit system.

We visited every place where requested to do so, and a number besides where no request was made. The total number of visits made by the Board were between 450 and 475.

We raised the valuations on some property where there had been an error in former calculations or where there seemed to be no excuse for a reduction that had been granted formerly. In all such changes, however, equalization was adhered to. There were also a number of small reductions in valuations where the Board thought them to be justifiable.

There will be some appeals to the City Council in cases where the Board did not agree with the owner. The Board stands ready in all cases to defend its action in so far as equalization is to be considered.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Tax Department for its assistance to the Board when called on to help us. As a whole, the deliberations of the Board were very harmonious.

Thanking you, the City Councilmen, for the confidence placed in us by your appointment of us to serve on this Board of Equalization, we are,

Yours most respectfully,

C. P. Ledbetter, Chairman;

James Belger;

A. W. Townsend. "

The above report was received and ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report of H. R. F. Helland, Consulting Engineer:

"Austin, Texas, Oct. 23, 1929.

Mr. Adam R. Johnson,
City Manager,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that L. E. Whitham & Company have completed the paving and other improvements on Elmwood Street from the East line of Duval Street to the West line of Harris Park Avenue, being Contract No. 21, according to the plans and specifications adopted for said improvement.

I, therefore, recommend the acceptance of this improvement.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) H. R. F. Helland,
Consulting Engineer. "

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN,
TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE IMPROVEMENT
OF A PORTION OF ELMWOOD STREET,
IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE
BALANCE DUE BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN
AND THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF
CERTIFICATES OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
AGAINST OWNERS OF ABUTTING PROPERTY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT , Whereas, heretofore the hereinafter described street was ordered improved, contract for said work of improvement duly entered into, and assessment levied against abutting property and the owners thereof to cover the portion of the cost payable by the said property owners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said contract and other proceedings in connection therewith, L. E. Whitham & Company has completed the improvement of the following street, to-wit:

ELMWOOD STREET from the East property line of Duval Street to the West property line of Harris Park Avenue, known as Unit or District No. 21; and

WHEREAS, said improvement is in strict compliance with the terms of said contract, specifications adopted for said improvement, and other proceedings in connection therewith; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT said improvement on said portion of said street be and the same is hereby accepted as in full compliance with the terms of said contract, specifications and proceedings, and the final estimate due from the City of Austin to L. E. Whitham & Company be and the same is hereby ordered paid.

That the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized and instructed to issue, execute and deliver to L. E. Whitham & Company certificates of special assessment against the abutting property and the owners thereof, evidencing the several sums of money assessed against said property and the owners thereof, respectively, for their pro rata of the cost of said improvement, in accordance with the terms of said contract and proceedings.

That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, Reed, and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report of H. R. F. Helland, Consulting Engineer:

"Austin, Texas, October 23, 1929.

Mr. Adam R. Johnson,
City Manager,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that L. E. Whitham & Company have completed the paving and other improvements on East Thirty-fourth Street from the East line of Speedway to the West line of Duval Street, being Contract No. 18, according to the plans and specifications adopted for said improvement.

I, therefore, recommend the acceptance of this improvement.

Yours very truly,

H. R. F. Helland, Consulting Engineer".

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS,
ACCEPTING THE IMPROVEMENT OF A PORTION
OF EAST THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, IN THE
CITY OF AUSTIN, AND AUTHORIZING THE
PAYMENT OF THE BALANCE DUE BY THE CITY
OF AUSTIN AND THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY
OF CERTIFICATES OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
AGAINST OWNERS OF ABUTTING PROPERTY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT, Whereas, heretofore the hereinafter described street was ordered improved, contract for said work of improvement duly entered into, and assessment levied against abutting property and the owners thereof to cover the portion of the cost payable by the said property owners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said contract and other proceedings in connection therewith, L. E. Whitham & Company has completed the improvement of the following street, to-wit:

EAST THIRTY-FOURTH STREET from the East property line of Speedway to the West property line of Duval Street, known as Unit or District No. 18; and

WHEREAS, said improvement is in strict compliance with the terms of said contract, specifications adopted for said improvement, and other proceedings in connection therewith; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That said improvement on said portion of said street be and the same is hereby accepted as in full compliance with the terms of said contract, specifications and proceedings, and the final estimate due from the City of Austin to L. E. Whitham & Company be and the same is hereby ordered paid.

That the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized and instructed to issue, execute and deliver to L. E. Whitham & Company certificates of special assessment against the abutting property and the owners thereof, evidencing the several sums of money assessed against said property and the owners thereof, respectively, for their pro rata of the cost of said improvement, in accordance with the terms of said contract and proceedings.

That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, Reed, and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps and plans showing the proposed construction of its pole lines in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Engineer; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company be and the same is hereby permitted to construct its pole lines in the following streets:

(1) A telephone conduit on Guadalupe Street from West Thirtieth Street to West Thirty-eighth Street according to the following center line description:

Beginning at a manhole in Guadalupe Street which manhole is 23 feet east of and 7 feet north of the intersection of the center lines of Guadalupe Street and of West Thirtieth Street;

Thence in a northwesterly direction with the center line of said telephone conduit following the path of a curve, the long chord of which curve is to be not more than 50 feet, to a point 8 feet east of the center line of Guadalupe Street;

Thence in a northerly direction with the center line of said conduit eight feet east of and parallel to the center line of Guadalupe Street to a point on the south line of West Thirty-eighth Street.

Wherefore, be it understood that all laterals shall be parallel to street lines according to typical plans hereto attached, and that at least three days notice must be given the City Engineer before beginning actual construction on the conduit line described above, in order that lines and grades may be set.

That the work and construction of said pole lines, including the excavation of the streets and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said pole lines have been constructed, shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, Reed, and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS,
DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AND ORDER-
ING AND PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT
OF EAST FIRST STREET FROM THE WEST
LINE OF LLANO STREET TO THE CITY LIMITS
AT THE EAST LINE OF PLEASANT VALLEY
ROAD, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, LETTING
CONTRACT THEREFOR, APPROVING CONTRACT
AND BOND, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT
OF THE COST THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

The above ordinance was read the first time and laid over.

J. B. Pierce was present and protested against the proposed paving of East First Street from Llano Street to the city limits, stating that the abutting property owned by him would not be enhanced in value sufficiently to justify the cost of paving.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the plan for the beautification of Eastwoods Park as submitted by Jac L. Gubbels, Park Engineer, calling for an expenditure of Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$8800.00), be and the same is hereby approved and accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the sum of One Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1700.00) of said amount be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Parks and Playgrounds Bond Fund to defray the immediate expense for installing water system and

gravelling the trails in said park.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, Reed, and Steck, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Reed moved that the Council recess, subject to call of the Mayor. Motion was seconded by Councilman Steck, and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, Reed, and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Council then recessed.

Approved: J. M. Fadden
Mayor.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, October 31, 1929.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, Reed, and Steck, 5; absent, none.

The Mayor announced that the regular order of business would be suspended in order to open bids for the construction of bridges at Seventh and West Mary Streets. The following bids were then opened and read:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>WEST MARY STREET BRIDGE</u> <u>CONTRACT NO. 9</u>	<u>WEST SEVENTH STREET BRIDGE</u> <u>CONTRACT NO. 10</u>	<u>Total</u>
McKenzie Construction Company -	\$9,646.00	\$8,050.00	\$17,696.00
Dixon B. Penick Engineering Company -	6,444.50	6,668.00	13,112.50
Austin Bridge Company -	5,915.00	5,597.20	11,512.20
J. Odom -	6,405.00	-0-	6,405.00
E. M. Wood -	6,223.50	6,265.10	12,488.60
Yeamans & Kaufrais -	5,729.00	5,243.00	10,972.00
John F. Buckner -	6,030.00	5,602.00	11,632.00

The above bids were referred to H. R. F. Helland, Consulting Engineer, for tabulation and report to the Council.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Councilman Mueller moved the adoption of same as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Pannell, and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, Reed, and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Water and Light Fund for the purpose of placing same to the Job Account of the U. G. I. Contracting Company, to be used for the payment of labor and materials in connection with the construction at the Water and Light Plant, under the terms of the contract between the City and said Company.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden,